

Complete Streets Planning Project

Public Kick-Off Workshop

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Partners and Friends

Key Partners







- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Northern Middlesex Council of Governments

Consultants and Subconsultants









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Why do we need GoLowell?

- Lowell has a low rate of using modes other than private vehicles and the people using those modes often use them because they have no other choice
- Public has voiced a desire for better multimodal infrastructure in previous planning sessions
- GoLowell will take previous public input and new input gathered at these sessions to drill down and make specific recommendations about projects to prioritize, get cost estimates for those recommendations, and suggest funding sources for those recommendations
- Some funding for certain types of projects is already available and can start design next year!

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How People in Lowell Get to Work

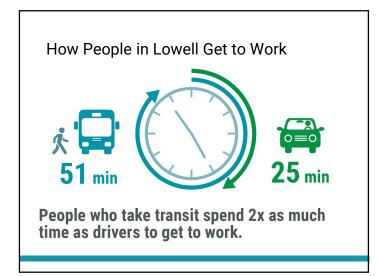
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How People in Lowell Get to Work

7% live below the poverty line

27% live below the poverty line

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How People in Lowell Get to Work



1,770

daily boardings on MBTA Commuter Rail at the Lowell Station

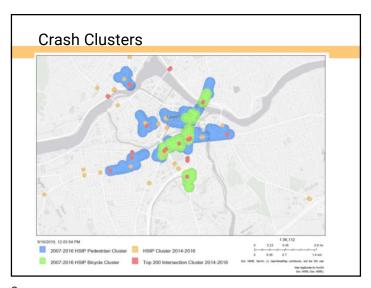


117,210

monthly boardings on Lowell Regional Transit Authority buses

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250+ meeting attendees, 300 survey responses, 13 neighborhood meetings or focus groups led to the first 2 goals of OSRP being:

- Strengthen the pedestrian connections throughout all neighborhoods to provide residents safer access to parks, open spaces, and the opportunity to walk for exercise and leisure
- Install cycling infrastructure across the City; prioritize non-vehicular modes of travel and recreational opportunities for residents

Sustainable Lowell 2025 2013 plan created with input of 1,000+ community members · Develop a Bicycle Master Plan Support bikeshare, education, UMass Lowell, bicycle businesses, trails, Safe Routes to Schools, regular maintenance, ADA compliance, concurrent crossings, traffic calming Prioritize multimodal improvements to Gallagher from nearby neighborhoods, bus amenities, expand LRTA/trolley service Minimize new traffic demand from new developments, transit hubs as development catalysts, and <u>Maximize Safety</u>

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Barcelona from Sustainable Lowell 2025 credit: DPD

To create a multi-modal transportation system designed to provide improved mobility and accessibility opportunities for all users regardless of their age, income or ability. Multi-modal, within the context of this policy, includes automobiles, pedestrians, passenger buses, the trolley system, cyclists, and freight modes of transportation.

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What is GoLowell?



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GoLowell Goals

REDUCE PARKING DEMAND

P REDUCE PARKING DEMAND in targeted redevelopment areas by increasing transit use

PRESERVE AND INTERPRET nationally significant history and culture

ENHANCE CHARACTER, LIVABILITY, AND VIBRANCY

through quality urban design

ENSURE FULL AND FAIR PARTICIPATION of Environmental Justice Communities during decision-making

Increasing the NUMBER OF PEOPLE RIDING BICYCLES in the City and REDUCING BICYCLE CRASHES

GoLowell Goals

INCREASE MOBILITY
of residents of residents, commuters, visitors, and students



PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT along proposed route and in Greater Lowell

REDUCE VMT, DELAY, AND CONGESTION on the local roadway network

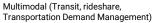
FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,

conserve energy, reduce emissions, address climate change

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Two Components to GoLowell







Bicycle Master Plan

Multimodal Study

- \$1 million from Federal Transit Authority for multimodal improvements
- Includes a pilot bus route or pilot realignment
- Focused on downtown and Gallagher Terminal



From Sustainable Lowell 2025 Credit: LRTA

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Multimodal Study Tasks Create alternative service scenarios in the pilot area Evaluate the alternative service scenarios against criteria such as expected ridership, length of ride, etc. Recommend improvements for the scenarios, such as signal prioritization, exclusive bus lanes, queue jumps, and stop consolidation Study Transportation Demand Management strategies Multimodal Study Tasks Example of Queue Jump (NACTO Guide)



Multimodal Study Focus Area

- Pilot program will focus on this area
- Pilot could be entirely within area or connect this area with Park & Rides or other regional connections
- GoLowell will also study multimodal connections more broadly, even outside the study area

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Bicycle Master Plan

- Create general guidelines for repaving streets and other maintenance projects
- Develop, prioritize, and estimate costs for high-impact projects
- Better position Lowell for bicycle-related grants and funding
- Create a roadmap to show how currently-unconnected paths and trails will eventually connect



VeoRide, Credit: Lowell Sun

Bicycle Master Plan: Study Area

All of Lowell!

+ regional connections

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Putting Bikes and Multimodal Together!

- Concepts for key corridors (Up to seven)
- Concepts for key intersections (Up to seven)
- 25% design for recommended transit improvements, like bus stops
- Bike Master Plan includes relevant corridors/intersections
- · Cost estimates and prioritization



Bicycle Master Plan Tasks

- Set vision and goals (now)
- · Level of traffic stress analysis
- Traffic, speed limits, infrastructure, other factors
- Equity Analysis
 - Inequitable investment over previous years
- Origin-Destination Study
- Determine/prioritize key routes
- Select corridors for additional study
- · Create Objectives

Example of one type of Level of Stress Analysis from Provincetown (PeopleForBikes Bicycle Network Analysis)



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Public Outreach







How you can get involved

- Now
- · Wikimap survey
- Interviews/Focus Groups
- Walks/Bike Rides
 - 3 ridealongs, walks in Acre, JAM
- Pop-up Neighborhood Meetings
 - LKSR, Brazillian Food Fest, Farmers Market, UML, Gallagher Terminal, Market Basket, Blues & Brews, LHS, Middlesex, Bike Rodeo
- Meetings and Neighborhood Workshops (Sep 11 Public Kickoff)
- Email list, social media, website



How to take our survey BEFORE 12/31!



Scan the code or visit www.lowellma.gov/golowell

and click the link!

English, Khmer, Spanish, Portuguese